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To the residents, families and businesses of Mill Creek:

I want to inform the community that the Mill Creek Section 3 repair project for flood damage reduction will incorporate environmental features while giving the taxpayers the best value for their money. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must balance flood damage reduction benefits with environmental concerns. This is the mission.

The three main design objectives of the Mill Creek Section 3 project are: continuation of the flood damage reduction benefits provided by the original project channel; provide an operable and maintainable project for the sponsor, the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District; and, include environmental enhancements. Its intention is to save families, homeowners and businesses money by reducing the damages associated with significant floods. The government pays for what is practical for the community as a whole.

Because the environment is important to the Army Corps of Engineers, environmental features have been built into the project. These features include pools and riffles in the creek to encourage the replenishment of native aquatic species and planting of a wider range of shrubs, grasses and other native vegetation. There has been a 40 percent reduction of rock typically used to stabilize banks in favor of 11,000 willow postings – or small trees - that reduce erosion and sediment runoff. The Corps consistently follows Environmental Protection Agency guidelines as well as internal controls to protect the environment. That means Corps of Engineers inspectors are on site to monitor the project and its impact on the environment.

Committed and dedicated professionals planned the project. They have expertise and years of experience in hydraulics, engineering and biology. They are public servants who have the community's best interests at heart. The contractor, Sunesis Construction, Inc., has a reputation for excellence. Together, we will provide the best possible project that we can.

Sincerely,

Colonel Robert Rowlette
Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District